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FOLLOWING MSG SENT ACTION CAIRO FROM AMCONSUL ALEXANDRIA,
29 SEP 77, HERewith REPEATED TO YOU.

QUOTE

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CAIRO PLEASE PASS SECSTATE

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: EAID, EG, US
SUBJECT: ALLEGED DIVERSION OF US GRAIN

REF: ALEXANDRIA 1057 AND STATE 230798

1. USAID CAIRO INFORMED CONGEN 29 SEPTEMBER 1977 THAT CATHOLIC
RELIEF SERVICES (CRS) RECEIVED ABOUT 3,000 TONS OF TITLE II
FLOUR IN JUNE ON "LYKES SHIP" SS JADRO. VESSEL ARRIVED OFF
ALEXANDRIA 7 JUNE, UNLOADED AT PIER 77 FROM 14 TO 21 JUNE AND
SAILED 22 JUNE.

2. IF LYKES LINES WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS SHIPMENT IT WAS
PRESUMABLY ON CHARTER BASIS, BECAUSE SS JADRO IS YUGOSLAVIAN
FLAG VESSEL.

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3. LATTER FACT, HOWEVER, SUGGESTS ONE HYPOTHESIS FOR ALLEGED
"DIVERSION TO SOVIET VESSEL" (STATE REFTEL). PIER 77 UTILIZES
QUAY BEYOND ONE WHERE SS NANCY LYKES LAY (ALEX REFTEL PARA 3).
IT IS POSSIBLE THAT CONGRESSMAN RUDD'S INFORMANTS WANDERED OVER
TO QUAY SERVING JADRO, SAW USAID-MARKED FLOUR BAGS THERE, LOOKED
UP AT STRANGE NAME OF VESSEL AND RED STAR ON FLAG AT STERN

(STICKING OUT INTO HARBOR SO NAME OF HOME PORT NOT VISIBLE),
AND JUMPED TO SEVERAL UNWARRANTED CONCLUSIONS.

4. WE OFFER THIS FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH AND CONTINUE OUR
INVESTIGATIONS.

5. AFTER DRAFTING ABOVE, CONGEN USAID OFFICER AND LOCAL
ASSISTANT RETURNED FROM PORT WITH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

A. SS NANCY LYKES DID OCCUPY PIER 81 DURING TIME IN QUESTION
(AND AGENTS CONFIRM MR. AND MRS. POWERS WERE PASSENGERS ON THAT
VESSEL). AT NO TIME WAS PIER 80, END OF QUAY, OCCUPIED.
PIER 79 HAD TWO SUCCESSIVE PANAMANIAN SHIPS. PIER 78 (INSIDE BERTH)
IS SUITABLE ONLY FOR RIVER BARGES. SS JAMES LYKES TOOK OVER PIER
77 WHEN SS JADRO LEFT ON JUNE 22. PIER 76, AT END OF THIS QUAY,
WAS ALSO EMPTY THROUGHOUT THIS PERIOD. PIER 75 BERTHED TWO
SUCCESSIVE GREEK SHIPS. ONLY SOVIET SHIP NEAR AREA, KAPITAN
ZAMYATIN (ALEX REFTTEL PARA 4), WAS AT PIER 71, QUITE FAR FROM
SCENE.

B. EXAMPLE OF FLOUR BAGS BEING UNLOADED FOR CRS TODAY (AND
WE ASSUME STANDARD FOR THEIR TITLE II RECEIPTS) SHOWS USAID
LOGO, BUT UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IS SPELLED OUT. NO RPT NO
USA INITIALS.

6. WE ARE MORE CONVINCED THAN EARLIER THAT MR. POWERS MAY HAVE
MISINTERPRETED WHAT HE SAW AND EMBELLISHED THAT IN THE
RETELLING.

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